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ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSINESS OPERATOR PLEADS GUILTY

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Jammy Miller, age 45, of Darlington, SC, pled guilty today in federal court in Florence, to operating an illegal gambling business, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1955. United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of Florence accepted the plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that in February 2011, Darlington County Sheriff's Office contacted the United States Secret Service regarding an illegal gambling operation being conducted at Jammy Miller's residence in Darlington, South Carolina.

Darlington County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on January 22, 2011, at Miller's residence seizing approximately \$185,000, four vehicles, gambling

paraphernalia, Miller's personal computer and cell phone, and approximately nine gambling ledgers that detailed \$3m in gross wagers over a eleven month period.

During the search, approximately 25 people were arrested for 16-19-40 (unlawful betting and gambling). Several had drivers from North Carolina.

During the investigation, Darlington County Sheriff's Office and USSS interviewed the above referenced suspects who gave detailed accounts of Miller's gambling operation.

As part of Miller's plea agreement he agreed to forfeit: more than \$221,000.00, a 1999 Chevy Silverado truck, a 2000 Dodge Ram Truck, a 2001 Chevy Corvette, a 2005 BMW LI745, and two computers.

Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty MILLER can receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment for 5 years, plus a special assessment of \$100.00.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II, of the Florence office handled the case.

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